

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 23-29, 35 and 38-41 stand rejected. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

By this amendment, claims 23-27, 35, 38-39 and 41 are amended.

No new matter is presented by the claim amendments. Support for the claim amendments can be found through the original specification. For example, see the original specification at pages 102-106 and FIGs. 15a and 15b.

Rejection of Claims 23-29, 35 and 38-41 under 35 U.S.C §103(a)

In the Office Action at item 4, claims 23-29, 35 and 38-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cannon et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,408,232, hereafter referred to as Cannon) in view of Jones et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,430,164, hereafter referred to as Jones). Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 23

Claim 23 is directed to a method of servicing a vehicle, and recites:

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... determining a list of vehicle service center locations for repairing the vehicle such that the determined list of vehicle service center locations is in accordance with the one or more approved vehicle replacement part recommendations and is based on the type of service for the vehicle ...

... receiving, from within the vehicle, an order for one or more vehicle parts corresponding to the approved vehicle replacement part recommendations for delivery to a vehicle service center based on the selected location.

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Cannon Reference

Cannon is directed to wireless piconet access to vehicle operational statistics. Cannon discloses that monitored vehicle data can be transmitted to a desired automotive service center, either on command of the user or automatically using a telephone call to a telephone device within the vehicle's home communicating with the wireless piconet network. The information can be transmitted digitally, or via facsimile (FAX) communications. The automotive service center can then monitor critical systems and notify the owner if and when the vehicle requires service. The information can also allow the automotive service center to automatically schedule an appointment and notify the vehicle's owner. Once at the automotive repair center, a wireless piconet (or scatternet) network can be established between the vehicle and a computer

system in the automotive repair center. In this way, the monitored vehicle data can be accessed by the automotive repair center without the need to pull the car into the garage. (See Cannon at column 8, lines 21-39.) Cannon, however, does not disclose or suggest "determining a list of vehicle service center locations for repair of the vehicle" and, more particularly, that such a list "is in accordance with the one or more approved vehicle replacement part recommendations and is based on the type of service of the vehicle," as set forth in claim 23. Moreover, Cannon does not disclose or suggest "receiving ... an order for one or more vehicle parts corresponding to the approved vehicle replacement part recommendations for delivery to a service center based on the selected location," as also set forth in claim 23. This is because although Cannon discloses that the monitored vehicle data can be transmitted to a desired automotive service center, it is silent regarding any process for determining the desired automotive service center and, furthermore, is also silent regarding the ordering of vehicle parts for delivery to the selected vehicle service center.

Jones Reference

Jones is directed to a communication apparatus for enabling communication involving disparate protocol network/bus and device subsystems. Jones is used by the Examiner to teach that a vehicle diagnostic device includes a cell phone in a vehicle. Jones is silent regarding the determination of a list of vehicle service centers or the ordering of vehicle parts for delivery to a service center based on the selected location.

As Cannon and Jones (either alone or in combination) fail to disclose each and every feature of claim 23, it is submitted that claim 23 patentably distinguishes over Cannon in view of Jones for at least the above-mentioned reasons.

Claim 26

Claim 26, which includes similar but not identical features to those of claim 23, is submitted to patentably distinguish over Cannon in view of Jones for at least similar reasons to those of claim 23.

Claims 24-25, 27-29, 35 and 38-41

Claims 24-25, 27-29, 35 and 38-41 which include all of the limitations of claim 23 or claim 26, are submitted to patentably distinguish over Cannon in view of Jones for at least the same reasons as claim 23 or claim 26.

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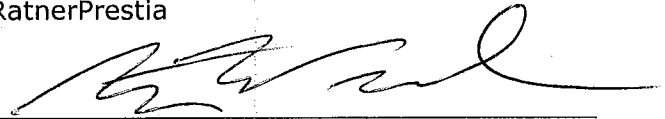
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Conclusion

In view of the claim amendments and remarks, Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, which is action is respectively requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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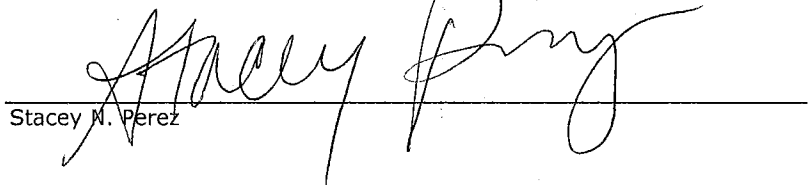
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